

positions for their two armies. At the same time, the French and British bombs on enemy concentrations of 1,500 kilograms of explosives were dropped.

Our armies continued their activity during the night and dropped more than 100 tons of bombs on the railroad stations at Laon, Mortier, Juvisille, Comblains, Mars La Tour and other places. Our observation airplanes made numerous reconnaissances, regulated the artillery fire and took ground photographs far behind the enemy lines.

**Marvelous Difficulties**

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY THE BRITISH FROXION, Sunday, Sept. 16. (By the Associated Press.)

Difficulties almost unbelievable were overcome by the Franco-American troops who attacked the Germans on

Wednesday in the occupation of the Briques and fields and an effort to encircle Metz from the west. If General Pershing is moving toward that goal now it is said a joint attack by his army and the French army holding the Verdun sector would be a probable development. It is said that the attack would be over a very extended front.

Troops employed by General Pershing in clearing up the St. Mihiel salient, in the view of officers here, show that the American commander has determined that maximum speed is essential to military success. He marked forward his troops last week at an unprecedented pace, and it was this rush which swept the German defenders off their feet and gave them no opportunity for even an organized rear-guard action.

General Pershing may be expected to press his victory without delay.

## CLUMSY OFFER, SAYS BALFOUR

Differences Between Two  
Sides of War Clearly  
Marked

LONDON, Sept. 16.—A. J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, giving his personal viewpoint on the Austrian peace note to visiting journalists, said: "It is incredible that anything can come of this proposal."

The foreign secretary said he was utterly unable to see that a conference proposed by Austria could have the desired end.

"I cannot honestly, in the proposals now made to us as I have been able to study them," Mr. Balfour said, "see the slightest hope that the goal we desire—the goal of a peace which shall be more than a truce—can really be attained."

Coming after the recent speech of Friedrich von Payer, the German imperial vice-chancellor, Mr. Balfour said: "This cynical proposal of the Austrian government is not a genuine attempt to obtain peace. It is an attempt to divide the Allies."

Mr. Balfour said no one should take upon himself the task of refusing with a light heart any proposal which would shorten the war.

He also declared that no coalition ever had been so strong as the Allied coalition, and that the enemy would not succeed in breaking it.

**Questions Definite**  
Conversations such as were proposed by Austria-Hungary, Mr. Balfour said, undoubtedly would have great value under certain circumstances. He said they would serve to smooth out obscurities such as questions of the German government, clearly and without obscure verbiage, showed where Germany stood on the question of Belgium, Alsace-Lorraine, the German colonies, and the Brest-Litovsk and Bucharest treaties.

The terms of the peace and war were so tremendous and the casualties so overwhelming, he said, that he would never treat with disrespect any peace proposal.

It could not be more clearly set forth than it was by Von Payer last week, that Germany intended to pay no indemnity to Belgium, Balfour continued. He indicated, the foreign secretary said, that Germany did not believe in the principle of self-determination, yet she was quizzing millions of dollars out of Russia.

**Why Penalize Russia?**  
"This," the speaker went on, "was for the wrongs Russia is supposed to have done Germany. How can those wrongs be compared with the devastation which Germany is wreaking on Russia now?"

Regarding the question of colonies, Secretary Balfour said: "The colonies are one question on which there is no misunderstanding. We stand on one side and Germany on the other."

Referring to the lack of concerted effort by the central powers as emphasized by the Von Payer speech and the Austrian note, the secretary pointed to the clumsiness of German diplomacy.

"The German," he added, "excels in direct, simple brutality, but when he tries to dress in President Wilson's clothes or tries to act as President Wilson would act, he is clumsy."

**ROUND TRIP BY AIR**  
NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—A record trip from Washington to New York by way of Philadelphia, with the aerial mail was made today by D. C. DeHart. He was in the air two hours and twelve minutes. He left Washington at 11:40 a. m., reached Philadelphia at 1:03 p. m. and left for New York eight minutes later and landed at Belmont Park at 2 p. m.

**MRS. McMANUS NAMED.**  
SACRAMENTO, Sept. 16.—Mrs. Elizabeth McManus, of Los Angeles, has been appointed director of social service work in California, the state board of health announced today.

## READY ANSWER TO AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL FROM WASHINGTON

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try to strengthen their people for another war campaign. But another view is that on account of the favorable conditions in Austria-Hungary there is more than a possibility of a breaking up of the quadruple alliance, the Austria, having gone through the form of making a peace proposal, which was promptly rejected, has just cleared the way for her next step, an unconditional surrender on the terms laid down by President Wilson.

**Along Canal du Nord**  
WITH THE CANADIAN FORCES IN FRANCE, Sunday, Sept. 15, 3 p. m.—(By The Canadian Press.)—Intermittent fighting continues along the Canadian lines on the Canal du Nord. The German side permits of closer concentration and posts have been taken and retaken, always to Canadian profit in the end.

Two days ago the Germans took two of our small posts and established others after our men had exhausted their ammunition and withdrawn. Yesterday we retook them all and extended our own occupation, killing and capturing several of the enemy. In no case have we left anything to the enemy but uncertain posts.

It appears that the enemy is hard pressed for men. A reserve division encountered September 2 and badly smashed has again been thrust in. There also is evidence of heavy reinforcements, prisoners captured giving indisputable proof of altered units. It is more than rumored that German women and boys are being brought further toward the fighting zone to release men for the lines.

With the American attack in the St. Mihiel salient, news of which excited Canadian confidence in their cousins, the French drives farther west, the strain on German resources becomes more evident.

**PLAN TO ATTACK  
PACIFIC AMERICA**  
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tain effort to get possession of important papers believed to have been in the ambassador's possession.

Other notes tell in detail of the watch kept on the American and other Allied embassies.

Like the remainder of the documents of the series, those made public today are accompanied by notes explaining which are originals and which are photographic copies, and by explanatory comments by Edgar Sisson, who joined the United States committee on public information.

**FEWER MORMONS  
FOR CONVENTION**  
SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 16.—Unless special round trip rates are granted by the Federal railroad administration, the semi-annual conference of the Mormon church, set for October 5, 6 and 7, in this city, may not take place on the scale which has heretofore been the custom, it was announced by church officials today. Application for rates has been made, the officials announced.

The conference will not be postponed, however, it was announced, but will probably take place on a smaller scale, only the state and ward officials attending.

**NO SUCH EXEMPTIONS.**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The house late today rejected amendments to the revenue bill designed to exempt salaries of the president, federal judges, and state, municipal and county officials from federal income taxation.

## NORMAL RETURNS FROM 16 STATES

Registration Will Be Very  
Little in Excess of  
13,000,000 Estimated

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Complete returns from the registration last Thursday in sixteen states and the District of Columbia of men between the ages of 18 and 45 years, were received today by the War Relocation Administration. They showed a total of 3,235,227 men as against the estimate of 3,232,267 and it was announced officially that they do not justify the assumption that returns from the entire country will show an amount very greatly in excess of the estimate of 13,000,000.

In six of the states, the total registration fell below the estimate, but in ten of them it exceeded it. The District of Columbia registered 22 percent more than the number estimated for it, due, officials believe to the influx of war workers. Of the states Vermont's percentage of excess enrollment was the highest, being 12-1/2.

**PROGRESS MADE ON  
REVENUE DEBATE**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Beginning consideration of amendments to the war revenue bill, the House in fifteen minutes today approved the greatly increased normal and sur-tax rates for individuals, estimated to yield \$1,452,000,000, and defeated every change proposed in the draft of the bill as it was passed by the ways and means committee.

After a spirited controversy, a motion to strike out the provisions extending income taxation of the salaries of the President, federal judges and state, county and municipal officials, was defeated. Another controversy developed over the provision to tax interest from future issues of state, county and municipal bonds but a final vote was postponed until tomorrow because of lack of a quorum.

An amendment proposed by Representative Hardy of Texas, Democrat, to change the basis of calculating profits from sales of property held by the owner since 1913, also was rejected overwhelmingly after Majority Leader Kitchin had declared the principle of a national dividend cause a revenue loss of \$2,000,000,000.

**Bond Tax Vote Today**  
Besides voting on the question of taxing income from state, county and municipal bonds, the House tomorrow will consider administrative provisions of the corporation income tax provisions, and possibly reach the war excess profit sections.

Summary approval today of the normal and sur-tax income rates was a general surprise.

Representative Montague of Virginia and Walsh of Mississippi led a sharp but futile opposition to the clause subjecting salaries of federal and state officials to income taxes. A motion by the former to exempt state, county and municipal officials, which he declared Congress has no power to tax, was defeated, 75 to 32, while Representative Walsh's motion to exempt the salaries of the President and federal judiciary was voted down, 75 to 32.

The section providing that income from state, county and municipal bonds issued in the future with a personal exemption of interest on total holdings of \$500, shall be considered gross income in calculating income taxes, was attacked. After vigorous discussion a motion by Representative Montague to strike out the clause was defeated by a rising vote, 45 to 26. Representative Platt of New York, however, made a point of no quorum, and the House adjourned.

**Salary Tax Dispute**  
Opponents of the sections taxing salaries of federal and state officials and bonds of state and their political subdivisions, said Congress has no power to levy such taxes, because they infringe upon state sovereignty and are in violation of the constitution. Those supporting the committee's draft upheld both the policy and legality of the provisions.

For the ways and means committee, Representative Crisp of Georgia, Democrat, contended that salaries of federal and state officials should be taxed like those of other individuals.

The provision to tax income from state, county and municipal bonds, which Representative Montague and others declared would reduce the value of \$5,000,000,000 such bonds now outstanding, was supported by Representatives Kitchin, Longworth and others of the committee, as designed to prevent discrimination against liberty bonds.

**GERMANS BOMBARD  
PARIS ONCE MORE**  
BERLIN, Sept. 16, via London.—As a reprisal for the continued bombing of German towns, says the official statement issued today by the German war office, twenty-four tons of bombs were dropped last night on Paris.

In engagements between the Albi and Assis rivers, the enemy gained a footing on the southern part of Vailly. The text of the statement reads: "On the Lys plateau, south of La Bassée, about 100 German aircraft successfully entered."

There was a vigorous artillery engagement early in the morning between Havrincourt and Epheux, which was followed by heavy partial attacks near and south of Havrincourt. The enemy's repeated fighting activity remained within moderate limits the whole day.

North and east of Verdun, at Houlme wood and near Essigny-le-Grand, there were infantry engagements.

Enter Vailly  
There have been vigorous partial engagements between the Albi and the Assis. After three thrusts early in the morning, the enemy in the evening broke forward to attack. In the night the enemy extended the point he broke through on the previous day and has named a footing in the southern part of Vailly.

Between the Aisne and the Vesle the enemy's infantry remained inactive. We carried out a small thrust which resulted as the result of the fighting on Saturday.

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## FORMING POLISH ALLIED ARMY TO PIERCE RUSSIA

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Czecho-Slovak forces fought their way through Siberia were obtained today at the field headquarters. The Czecho-Slovakia seized Novo-Nikolievsk on May 26, but it was only on June 11 that Inzutska was reached.

There was severe fighting all the way and the Czecho-Slovakia were forced to leave the railway continually in order to strike at the enemy from the rear.

Thirty-nine tunnels on the trans-Siberian railroad had been mined but Bolshevik forces were taken by surprise and only one tunnel was successfully blown up.

**Cross Lake Balk**  
In the meantime Czecho-Slovakia had seized Lysinskaya, near Irkutsk, on the west bank of Lake Balk, where they found two small rammed steamers. These vessels were hastily repaired and after two guns were mounted and several machine gun set up they advanced forward, two barges filled with soldiers.

By a ruse, the Czecho-Slovakia managed to land near Misovaya, though larger vessels, including the Yermak and the Balk, came out to give battle. Shots from the Czecho-Slovakia guns shattered the gasoline tanks and set fire to the enemy's steamers. The Bolshevik sailors became panic-stricken and permitted the Czecho-Slovakia to land and attack from the rear.

Captain Oushakoff, chief of general Gaida's staff was killed and his body later was found horribly mutilated.

In the battle of Misovaya the Bolsheviks lost forty complete trains out of sixty. Of their forces estimated to number 20,000, some 4,000 were killed and 2,000 taken prisoner. The others fled into the woods and their defeat demoralized the troops further east.

Thanks to the skill of the Czecho-Slovak engineers the bridges on the trans-Siberian railway were repaired before the retreating enemy had time to rally. Consequently, Verkhneindsk and Kirsinskaya were occupied virtually without fighting.

**Polish Division**  
HARBIN, Saturday, Sept. 14.—(By The Associated Press.)—A movement exceeding 100,000 men of the Czecho-Slovakia is being organized by Polish officers to form a Polish division to fight in Siberia westward to their oppressed fatherland as integral units in the American army.

According to conservative estimates, an army of 100,000 men is being organized in the regions of Harbin, Nikolaia and Vladivostok.

Large corps of railway men also can be utilized if necessary to take over the Chinese Eastern railway. The plan is to be used in organizing the Polish army and to be considered a loan to the Polish people or their government.

It is believed that if the Polish organization is successful the Ukrainians will begin a similar movement and because of the close relationship between the Magyars and the Poles, it is considered possible that many of the Magyars may be won over to the side of the Entente Allies.

The Poles declare emphatically that they do not intend to participate in politics and that their only desire is to fight toward their own country.

The Poles have asked that they be promptly granted recognition by the United States government and that they may aid in opposing the spread of German aggression as well as win their own freedom.

Entente Allied officials here see three benefits to be derived from the cooperation of the Poles. First, they say it would obviate the necessity of moving additional troops across the Pacific; second, the Allied forces now in Siberia could be moved westward to strengthen the fighting presence to bear on the western front; and third, an army composed of Czecho-Slovak, Poles and Ukrainians would galvanize the Russians in action.

**Moving Troops**  
VLADIVOSTOK, Saturday, Sept. 14.—(By The Associated Press.)—The advance by Japan of 1,000,000 yen for the Chinese Eastern Railway charges for transportation of men and munitions, because of the fact that there are no tariffs covering the situation, the railroad has been experiencing delay in presenting and collecting its bills. Therefore, the Japanese are paying cash in advance and suggesting that the other Allies do likewise.

The transportation agreement recently concluded and which gave rise to a report that General Gaidar, the Japanese commander, had assumed military control of the railways, is explained as being simply a necessary measure to insure prompt military movements. The assumption of administrative functions is not contemplated.

**2000 COAL MINERS  
STRIKE IN CANADA**  
GLASGOW, N. S., Sept. 16.—The Pictou county colliers are idle today, the result of a strike by 2000 men and boys for increased wages. A daily output of 2000 tons of coal is suspended.

PARIS, Sunday, Sept. 15.—On his return from a tour near the battle front, John D. Ryan, American assistant secretary of war in charge of air service, declared that he was much gratified by the work done by the aerial force of the American army.

Ryan's tour was made during the recent operations of the American army and gave him an opportunity to see the various American aviation activities in the zone of advance. Ryan spoke in high terms of the brilliant exploits of the American troops.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 15.—Tonight's Canadian casualty list contains the names of K. S. Kemp, San Diego, Cal., killed in action; A. Drummond, Pasadena, and V. M. Campbell, Eureka, Cal., killed in action; and L. E. Kemp, San Diego, Cal., killed in action; and L. E. Kemp, San Diego, Cal., killed in action; and L. E. Kemp, San Diego, Cal., killed in action.

HAWAII, Sept. 15.—Registration of Cuban citizens under the obligatory military service law took place today. All male citizens between the ages of 18 to 25, inclusive, must register. It is estimated that 125,000 men will be registered.

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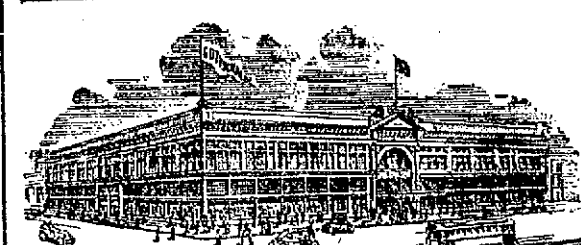
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Watch our advertisements in the newspapers for hundreds of Birthday Sale bargains.

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## U. S. ORDERS 15,846 TONS OF RAISINS FOR THE ARMY

Purchasing Agent Chooses  
Many Varieties for  
Yanks New Ration

Add Strength to Fighters;  
Give Fighting Strength;  
No Shipping Date Set

The first order for 1918 California raisins placed by the United States government was announced by the California Associated Raisin Company yesterday. It amounts to 15,846 tons, and is to be shipped probably at an early date. The order was not unexpected, as the war department some months ago decided to buy quantities of raisins for the American troops abroad, and possibly to buy for the Allies. The order has been considered inevitable ever since the officials decided that, owing to their richness in sugar and other strengthening foods, the raisins are among the best rations for soldiers in the field.

The purchase was arranged by H. Clay Miller, U. S. agent on the Pacific coast, representing the committee of coordination of purchases, and F. A. Seymour, assistant to President W. M. Giffen, of the association, upon their meeting in San Francisco Saturday. Mr. Seymour has returned to Fresno.

This government wants several varieties, and the order was made up as follows:

Fancy seeded Muscats in 15-ounce packages, 8,000,000 pounds, or 1,500 tons.

Fancy Thompson Seedless in 15-ounce packages, 804,000 pounds, or 402 tons.

Three-crown loose Muscatel, put up in 10-pound tins, 2,000,000 pounds, or 1,000 tons.

Three-crown loose Muscatel in 25-lb. and 50-lb. cases, 11,250,000 pounds, or 5,625 tons.

Sultanas in 25 and 50-pound cases, 14,560,000 pounds, or 7,280 tons.

Fancy seeded Muscats, 25-lb. tins, 65,000 pounds, or 32 tons.

Total, 31,020,000 pounds, or 15,510 tons.

No date for delivery and no details of the order in which the varieties are to be shipped were mentioned, according to Mr. Seymour. The association will hold the required amounts in readiness for delivery. The order amounts to possibly one-tenth this year's entire crop. Association officials do not know whether other orders will be placed, but later orders are not considered unlikely. It is not known yet whether the British gov-

## FIRST REHEARSAL OF CHORUS HELD

Fresno Male Chorus  
Enters 6th Season With  
A. G. Wahlberg Director

The Fresno Male Chorus held the first rehearsal of the season last night at the Parlor Lecture club, under the directorship of A. G. Wahlberg. The chorus is entering on its sixth season with the following officers: President, S. L. Platt; honorary chairman, Charles W. Barrett; vice-president, A. S. Perkins; secretary, H. W. Helfrich; assistant secretary, H. B. Ashton; treasurer, C. T. Elliot; librarian, E. H. Horner; music committee, Dr. C. C. Williams, H. M. Briggs, D. L. Zimmerman, Dr. H. W. Edwards; voice, H. Kerr, Sylvester Seago, Dr. R. T. Hall, Charles E. Ryker. Wahlberg has been director since the organization of the chorus. Mrs. Romayne Hunkins will continue as pianist this season.

While there will be some changes in the rules of the chorus on account of war conditions, the exact policy has not yet been decided upon. There was an executive meeting about two weeks ago when the plans for the organization were considered but they have not been brought before the entire chorus.

Eight of the chorus are on the honor roll of the United States, including H. W. Edwards, who is an instructor at Berkeley; D. T. Van Zandt, who is in the U. S. Army; H. M. Briggs, H. W. Edwards, Frank C. L. Jones, and the 319 engineers, who I recently for "somewhere."

Wallace Buchanan, navy; H. B. Cayford, U. S. Hospital; H. L. Jolly, who will soon leave with the U. S. A.

A roll call of those in the service as well as the present members will be made in a short time, so that those at home may remember their members in khaki.

Director Wahlberg stated last night that he was well pleased with the first rehearsal.

His assistant obtained his supply for the English soldiers' holiday "plum pudding." This is the "plum."

High quality raisins will be furnished the government, and some of the growers have already declared that all raisins cured this year should be given special care, as the soldiers will get a good share of them.

Recent showers did no damage to raisins in this valley, although the raisin offices yesterday received word that some of the seedless on trays in Yolo and Sutter counties in the north were badly damaged, though not many were ruined entirely. The heaviest damage seems to have been cracking the berries still on the vine. As a result the fruit is rotting and the farmers for that section will be reduced.

## "SWEDISH WEDDING" IS ENJOYED AT PLAYGROUNDS

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Is Drawing Card in Series  
of National Week

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Supt. Quigley; Meet  
at Einstein Tonight

Men and women as well as children entered into the spirit of the games at Dickey Play ground last night. Play grounds were started so successfully at First Smith playgrounds Sunday to make the crowd of all the city playgrounds with daily exercises, athletic, literary, musical and patriotic, and is expected to bring out hundreds of the young and old each night.

The play was "Swedish Wedding," showing the quaint customs of rural Sweden, and the cluster of festivities around a marriage in that northern land. Miss Nora Cassidy had the speaking part and the following played part in the pageant: Dorothy Linder, Frances Adams, Grace Adams, Edna Linder, Nellie Williams, Helen Plank, Isabel Kirsch, Helen M. Plank, and Ethel Linder.

"Play promotes healthfulness," said Superintendent Quigley, referring to the National Play Week and its objects. "Healthfulness promotes good cheer, loyalty, and social activity. The government has called for a patriotic play week, and Fresno is doing its share."

Prairie W. J. Dickey.

It is fitting at this time to speak of the \$10,000 bequest of the late J. W. Dickey. This made possible the organization of the city department here. The voters immediately bonded the city for \$20,000 to complete the equipment. In war time no less than peace, people must have some degree of relaxation. Play is the great ally of work.

The following is the schedule for the week:

Tuesday—Einstein Playground—A day at the District Fair.

Wednesday—Kids' Graebum Circuit—Cathouse Park Playground.

Thursday—Conner Playground—Athletic and Literary Program. Watermelon prizes.

Friday—Holmes Playground—Musical, literary and athletic program.

Saturday—California Field—Play "Princess Tenderheart."

All the programs are free.

## REDUCED DRINKING IN GREAT BRITAIN

Hope That Increased Efficiency Will Be Retained After War

LONDON. (Special Service of The Associated Press.)—The war has had the effect of reducing the drinking in Great Britain. The government has been successful in its campaign to reduce the consumption of alcohol. The government has been successful in its campaign to reduce the consumption of alcohol.

All this has come about, Lord D'Abernon, chairman of the Liquor Control Board, told The Associated Press as a result of the war regulations introduced in the government.

"There is no great reason for hope," said Lord D'Abernon, "that the progress made toward temperance under war conditions will be lost, that it will be continued by post-war action alone. It is the result of the restrictions now in force."

Such action as is now being taken from Parliament. The first of the present regulations will terminate one year after peace has been declared. According to Lord D'Abernon, it is certain that the country never will go back to pre-war conditions.

Very Little Friction.

"There has been very little friction," he said. "We have had some complaints in the effect that it costs an enormous amount of money to get drunk now, but that is exactly what should be the case. The question of the price of alcoholic drinks is not one of that of food is very important. If liquor is too cheap that fact leads to overindulgence. The duty of beer is now seven times what it was ten years ago, and the duty on spirits also has been greatly increased."

"It is clear that public opinion will not tolerate a return to the bad conditions which undoubtedly existed before the war. It is recognized that the present system affords a basis for a permanent settlement of the drink question available to all."

More than twice as much money is spent in England for drink as for bread, and the outlay just about equals the expenditures for meat.

"First the war the government's yearly revenue from drink is expected to amount to from \$500,000,000 to \$750,000,000, a sum almost equal to the total tax revenue before the war."

England has been noted for its heavy drinking, but the war has been thought that alcohol would greatly injure their business. But they have done far better than they thought was possible.

Beer Much Thinner.

The quantity of alcohol in beer has been reduced by nearly two-thirds. Great improvement has been made in the manufacture of light beers, which are said to be growing steadily in favor. The strength of spirits before the war averaged about 20 degrees under proof. They have been reduced, under the regulations, to an average of between 35 and 40 under proof.

In discussing the sharp decrease in heavy drinking, Lord D'Abernon said it might be thought that the absence from the country of millions of soldiers was responsible in large measure for the improvement. This idea, he pointed out, was refuted by statistics which showed the decrease in drinking by women was just as great as that by men.

No grain is now being used in England for making spirits. The manufacture of whisky was stopped two years ago, and the government is now using the grain for food. The net total of cereals used annually for brewing is approximately 352,000 tons. Compared with the total amount of cereals grown here and imported 1,500,000 tons, this shows that the net percentage used for brewing purposes is approximately 2.5. In 1913 approximately 6 per cent was used for making beer and 2 1/2 per cent for distilling spirits. Thus there has been a reduction from 8 1/2 per cent to 2 1/2 per cent.

THE WORLD WAR

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 16.—Socialist members of the municipal council of Berlin raised the food question in the council meeting Thursday, according to the Telegram. One speaker exclaimed, "It is time the war came to an end." The public gallery applauded loudly.

CAMP RATHBUN, DESERONTO, Ont., Sept. 16.—Cadet E. Warden of Colville, Wash., was killed in an airplane crash here today.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The striking anthracite coal miners in the Shamokin coal fields must return to work at once before their demands will be considered by Fuel Administrator Garfield, Dr. Garfield today telegraphed James Matthews, president of district No. 50 that the striking miners would be held personally and strictly responsible for any falling off in coal production.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Boy Scouts of America have sold more than \$17,000,000 worth of war savings stamps, headquarters of the organization here announced today. Sales of individual scouts averaged \$11, while 247 "baby medals" have been issued to boys who disposed of \$250 of these "baby bonds."

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 16.—Forest St. Sebastian of Fort St. Louis, one of the soldiers who was pardoned by President Wilson, May 4, after having been sentenced to death by court martial for sleeping on duty in France, was killed in action July 26, according to an official telegram received by his father.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. Arrival in Italy of an American Federation of Labor mission to North America, war aims was announced here today by the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy. The mission sailed from America in August and is separate from that now in England, headed by Samuel Gompers.

CAMP KEARNY, SAN DIEGO, Sept. 16.—Major General David C. Shanks is expected to arrive here soon and will probably become division commander, according to an official announcement given out today at the headquarters of the Sixteenth division.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 16.—The police strike, called last week, was declared off today. The new wage but without obtaining any guarantees from the city officials relative to their demands.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The A. C. Campbell, San Francisco, was named today to Attorney General Gregory to be special assistant to the attorney general in charge of the rapidly increasing number of admiralty questions arising from shipping board activities.

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